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Meetings

Monday, March 24, New Hanover Township Supervisors, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 25, Boyertown Area School District School Board, 7 p.m. (call for location).

Monday, March 31, hearing on trailer park planned for Colebrookdale Township, 7 p.m., Colebrookdale Elementary School.

Taste of Home

The myriad details are in place for Berks-Mont Newspapers' 2003 Taste of Home Cooking School, set for Tuesday, March 25. The event will be held at the Gilbertsville Fire Company, Route 73, east of Boyertown. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m., and the actual cooking school segment will begin at 7 p.m.

The huge event will include professional cooking school demonstrations; display booths featuring crafters, home demonstrators, florists and more; door prizes; food giveaways; and much more.

More than 800 persons are expected to attend the extravaganza, and remaining tickets are extremely limited. For information, you can contact coordinator Susie Allmendinger at 610-367-6041, ext. 242.

Two bills

Two bills sponsored by Rep. Doug Reichley clarifying the crime and increasing the

Car Care!

New problem found in Bally water supply

By Fred G. Phillips
Times Editor

Tests of the Bally water supply have found traces of a solvent contaminating drinking water.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency held special meetings, Wednesday, March 19, at the Bally Firehouse to tell residents about their drinking water problems.

According to Toni Hemerka, borough manager, the EPA has found 1,4-dioxane, a solvent, in the municipal water supply.

"The dioxane was found in February and we are very concerned," she said. "The borough is working very diligently to solve the problem for residents."

Dioxane is not dioxin nor is it related to dioxin, the EPA has said. The agency said the chemical also does not represent an immediate threat to people.

"However, EPA is concerned about the levels over the long-term and that is why the agency is reviewing the municipal drinking water supply and treatment system," an EPA report reads.

The well which services borough residents, is located within a

superfund cleanup site where PCE and TCA chemicals were found in the 1980s.

The water from the well, according to Hemerka, is already being treated along federal guidelines but new testing technology has allowed the agency to find the dioxane.

The EPA has said that it found 20 to 50 parts per billion in the drinking water and that this level does not pose a threat. But, the EPA is concerned about long-term exposure.

If the agency found 600 parts per billion then there would be an immediate health threat, it was explained.

Dioxane, according to the EPA, probably causes cancer but that has not been proven in humans. It does cause cancer in animals.

Interestingly, dioxane is an unintentional additive in commercial cosmetics and things like shampoos, liquid soaps and lotions.

When found in food, dioxane is labeled as an unintentional food additive.

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